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Letter dated 15 April 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale dated 4 April 2014 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations, pursuant to Security Council resolution 2127 (2013) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

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The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the situation in the Central African Republic.

Pursuant to paragraph 50 of the resolution, the Permanent Mission of France transmits herewith the second report on the operational activities of the French force Sangaris deployed in the Central African Republic, along with a table of the joint operations undertaken with the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic (MISCA).

The Permanent Mission would be grateful if the Secretary-General would bring these documents to the attention of the Security Council.

Enclosure

Second report on Operation Sangaris

Support to the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic in the discharge of its mandate

22 March 2014

1. Basis of the support to the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic (MISCA)

- Security council resolution 2127 (2013) of 5 December 2013 authorizes the French forces in the Central African Republic, within the limits of their capacities and areas of deployment, and for a temporary period, to take all necessary measures to support MISCA in the discharge of its mandate.

2. Generic actions undertaken by the Sangaris force

- France's operational actions are guided by respect for human rights and international conventions. When faced with situations of abuse and human rights violations, the Sangaris force takes a firm stand. The French troops deployed have received clear instructions: they are to intervene as quickly as possible to end the abuse.
- In the implementation of confidence-building measures, since 9 December, the Sangaris force has been supporting MISCA by implementing and overseeing measures for the disarming and barracking of armed groups in its areas of deployment.
- MISCA and Operation Sangaris have contributed to the barracking of the ex-Seleka at several sites in Bangui and have participated in the disarming of the anti-balaka in Bangui and in western Central African Republic. Since December, they have also seized nearly 1,200 military weapons and large quantities of ammunition in the process of disarming ex-Seleka and anti-balaka elements in an impartial manner.
- These actions have been carried out jointly in Bangui and the western part of the country in order to extend the area control actions. During these missions, each time that it witnessed abuses, the Sangaris force intervened to prevent or put an end to the abuses it witnessed, in particular by firing warning shots.
- The Sangaris force also supports MISCA in protecting the people on a daily basis, not only in Bangui, but also in the provinces, including in Boda, Carnot, Berberati, Bouar, Yaloke and Bossembele, where the French forces acting jointly with MISCA have prevented abuses and even used force to put an end to them.
- The joint Sangaris-MISCA action played a major part in the resumption of vehicle traffic on the main east-west road between Bangui and Garoua Boulaï on the border with Cameroon (also known as the main supply route (MSR)). The many convoy escorts provided have enabled Bangui to be resupplied on an ongoing basis, which is contributing to some economic recovery.

- Access to humanitarian assistance is also being facilitated by the ongoing joint action by the Sangaris force and MISCA.

3. Substantive support provided to MISCA

- Seven French officers have been integrated into MISCA headquarters on an ongoing basis; one gendarmerie officer is an adviser to the Commander of the police component; one officer is an adviser to the MISCA Force Commander.
- In Bangui, two tactical liaison detachments provided by the Savoie combined arms battle group (the French battalion assigned to the city) coordinate joint missions with the Burundian and Rwandan battalions.
- On a daily basis, support to MISCA also takes the form of advising on the restructuring of units, the organization of command and planning for operations. Military intelligence is shared between the leaderships of the two forces.
- The French and MISCA force commanders interact in a unified manner with the Transitional Authorities on a regular basis to coordinate their joint actions. The general staff of the two forces meet every two weeks for that purpose.
- Patrols and operations are also planned and conducted jointly on a regular basis, whether in Bangui or in outlying regions. In recent weeks the focus has been on the main supply road leading from the capital to the border with Cameroon and on certain districts in Bangui. Nearly 90 joint patrols have been carried out in the last two months.
- In the area of logistics, France has supplied MISCA with six trucks and one trailer (bringing to 54 the number of French vehicles held by MISCA) while also providing support for them from M'poko.
- France has also supported MISCA deployment to outlying regions, which is currently 90 per cent complete.
- The next stage will be to assist MISCA as it deploys to the east (Ippy for the Gabonese contingent and Bria for the contingent from the Democratic Republic of the Congo).
- Lastly, in terms of medical support, the Sangaris force conducted four surgeries and provided paramedical assistance in 147 cases for MISCA in the last two months. Four patients were also evacuated by France to Libreville.

Ad hoc joint operations of the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic and the Sangaris force, February-March 2014

Date	*Type of operation*	*Mission*	*MISCA Sangaris resources involved*
31 January-1 February 2014	Operation Goumbiri	Recapture of Sibut and installation of two MISCA companies	1 Sangaris combined arms sub-battle group as support 2 companies (1 Rwandan; 1 Congolese)
Since 4 February	Operation Kamou	Relief of Sangaris in M'Baïki for area control in Boda	1 Congolese company and 1 tactical general staff
1-2 February 2014	Operation Gazao	Action at Office central de répression du banditisme (OCRB) anti-balaka sites and in Ouango	1 Formed Police Unit platoon; 1 MISCA company from the Democratic Republic of the Congo; 1 Rwandan MISCA company
8-12 February 2014	Moki	Reconnaissance of Berberati airfield	210 troops (130 Cameroonian and 80 Gabonese) deployed in Bouar; 47 Gabonese troops deployed in Baoro; 40 Cameroonian troops deployed in Beloko; 34 Cameroonian troops moving to Berberati (expected to arrive on 7 February)
14 February 2014	Tizi II	Securing perimeter of Bafio area (district 4) to support a formed poiice unit operation	1 Burundian battalion; 1 Rwandan battalion; 1 task force; 1 crowd control platoon (size 1 platoon reinforced by 1 armoured vehicle, 1 judicial police pool (1 coordinator and 3 x 2 judicial police officers inserted into MISCA sections — 1 command team)); 1 formed police unit (2 platoons) from M'Poko during working hours and from barracks during non-working hours; 1 formed police unit (2 platoons) as quick reaction force

Date	*Type of operation*	*Mission*	*MISCA/Sangaris resources involved*
18 February 2014	Yokpo II	Reconnoitring situation in Bossangoa	1 Chadian MISCA company
12 February 2014	Mpoko II	Visit by Minister of Defence	Securing of Bangui by Rwandan and Burundian MISCA company and of the Congolese section at M'Baio
27 February 2014	Mpoko III	Visit by high-level officials	3 Rwandan sections; 4 Formed police unit platoons; 2 companies from the Democratic Republic of the Congo; 1 Burundian section
3 March 2014 ongoing	Batouri II	Escorting civilian convoys on main supply route	Support for MISCA control action in towns; joint escorts from a group to a Cameroonian or Congolese section
18 February 2014	Tizi IV	Securing perimeter of Edville district (district 8) to support a MISCA operation	2 MISCA companies (Democratic Republic of the Congo and Burundian) and 1 formed police unit
26 March-25 April 2014	Ouara	Redeployment of the force with emphasis on the east	1 Chadian company relieved by 1 Congolese company in Bambari

Ongoing joint operations of the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic and the Sangaris force, February-March 2014

Date	*Type of operation*	*Missions*	*MISCA/Sangaris resources involved*
5 February 2014	Operation Amba	Transport of funds; securing of Bangui by Sangaris force and MISCA	Resources of 1 Rwandan section and/or 1 Burundian section
3 February-10 March 2014	Operation Batouri	Deployment of Panther combined arms battle group to the west; MISCA installed at Boali, Berberati, Carnot and Nola	1 Congolese company at Boali; 1 Cameroonian section at Carnot; 1 Cameroonian section at Berberati; 2 Congolese sections at Nola

Joint patrols by the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic and the Sangaris force, February-March 2014: 89 section-level patrols

Date	*Type of patrol*	*Sangaris unit*	*Place*
1 February 2014	Joint French-Chadian patrol	Panther	Bossangoa region
2 February 2014	Joint French-Chadian patrol	Panther	Bossangoa region
3 February 2014	Joint French-Chadian patrol	Panther	Bossangoa region
4 February 2014	Joint French-Chadian patrol	Panther	Bossangoa region
5 February 2014	Joint French-Chadian patrol	Panther	Bossangoa region
6 February 2014	Joint French-Chadian patrol	Panther	Bossangoa region
6 February 2014	Joint French-Chadian patrol	Panther	Bossangoa region
7 February 2014	Joint French-Chadian patrol	Panther	Bossangoa region
8 February 2014	Joint French-Chadian patrol	Panther	Bossangoa region
9 February 2014	Joint French-Chadian patrol	Panther	Bossangoa region
10 February 2014	Joint French-Chadian patrol	Panther	Bossangoa region
17 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/ police/gendarmerie patrol	Panther	Berberati
18 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/ police/gendarmerie patrol	Panther	Berberati
19 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/ police/gendarmerie patrol	Panther	Berberati/Carnot
20 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/ police/gendarmerie patrol	Panther	Berberati/Carnot
20 February 2014	1500 hours: Atila 1 — PK5 patrol Burundian MISCA and contact with Congolese MISCA command point	Amarante	Bangui
21 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Berberati/Carnot
23 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Carnot
24 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Carnot
24 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Baoro
24 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Bouar

Date	*Type of patrol*	*Sangaris unit*	*Place*
25 February 2014	Joint MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Baoro
25 February 2014	Joint MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Bouar
25 February 2014	Joint Forces de défense et de sécurité /MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Carnot
26 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Carnot
26 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Baoro
26 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Bouar
27 February 2014	Joint MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Baoro
27 February 2014	Joint MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Bouar
27 February 2014	Joint Forces de défense et de sécurité/MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Carnot
28 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Carnot
28 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Baoro
28 February 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Bouar
1 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Carnot
1 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Baoro
1 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Bouar
2 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Carnot
2 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Baoro
2 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Bouar
3 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Carnot
3 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Baoro
3 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Bouar
4 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Carnot
4 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Baoro
4 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Bouar

Date	*Type of patrol*	*Sangaris unit*	*Place*
5 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Carnot
5 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Baoro
5 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Bouar
6 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/ Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Carnot
6 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Baoro
6 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Bouar
6 March 2014	Joint MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Baboua/Beloko
7 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA/ Forces de défense et de sécurité patrol	Panther	Carnot
7 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Baoro
7 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Panther	Bouar
7 March 2014	Joint MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Baboua/Beloko
8 March 2014	Joint MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Baoro
8 March 2014	Joint MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Bouar
8 March 2014	Joint MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Baboua/Beloko
8 March 2014	Joint Forces de défense et de sécurité/MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Panther	Carnot
5 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Dragon	Baoro
5 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Dragon	Bouar
6 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Dragon	Baoro
6 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Dragon	Bouar
6 March 2014	Joint MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Dragon	Baboua/Beloko
7 March 2014	Joint Forces de défense et de sécurité/MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Dragon	Carnot
7 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Dragon	Bouar
7 March 2014	2 joint Sangaris/MISCA dismounted patrols (1000 hours and 1400 hours) in Cantonnier region	Dragon	Beloko/Cantonnier

Date	*Type of patrol*	*Sangaris unit*	*Place*
8 March 2014	2 dismounted patrols with MISCA (1000 and 1600) for confidence-building measures and intelligence-gathering on population	Dragon	Beloko
8 and 9 March 2014	1 joint night patrol with random checkpoint set up from 1900A to 2130A; 1 joint night patrol with random checkpoint set up from 0400A to 0600A	Dragon	Yaloke
9 March 2014	Violet 30/1 joint night patrol with random checkpoint set up from 1900A to 2100A	Dragon	Yaloke
9 March 2014	Violet 30/1 joint night patrol with random checkpoint set up from 0000A to 0200A	Dragon	Yaloke
9 March 2014	Joint Sangaris/MISCA patrol	Dragon	Bouar
9 March 2014	Joint MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Dragon	Beloko/Cantonnier
9 March 2014	Joint Forces de défense et de sécurité/MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Dragon	Carnot
10 March 2014	Joint Forces de défense et de sécurité/MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Dragon	Beloko
10 March 2014	Joint Forces de défense et de sécurité/MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Dragon	Carnot
10 March 2014	Joint Forces de défense et de sécurité/MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Dragon	Beloko
11 March 2014	Joint Forces de défense et de sécurité/MISCA/Sangaris patrol	Dragon	Beloko
11 March 2014	Joint patrol of main supply route in Yaloke and Bossenforo region	Dragon	Yaloke and Bossenforo region
12 March 2014	Two dismounted patrols with MISCA at 1000A and 1500A for confidence-building measures and intelligence-gathering on population	Dragon	Beloko
13 March 2014	Two dismounted patrols with MISCA for confidence-building measures and intelligence-gathering on population	Dragon	Beloko
14 March 2014	Two dismounted patrols with MISCA for confidence-building measures and intelligence-gathering on population	Dragon	Beloko

Date	*Type of patrol*	*Sangaris unit*	*Place*
15 March 2014	One dismounted patrol with MISCA for confidence-building measures and intelligence-gathering on population	Dragon	Beloko
16 March 2014	One dismounted patrol with MISCA for confidence-building measures and intelligence-gathering on population	Dragon	Beloko
17 March 2014	One dismounted patrol with MISCA for confidence-building measures and intelligence-gathering on population	Dragon	Beloko
19 March 2014	Two dismounted patrols with MISCA (at 0900 and 1700 A) for confidence-building measures and intelligence-gathering on population	Dragon	Beloko
20 March 2014	Two dismounted patrols with MISCA for confidence-building measures and intelligence-gathering on population	Dragon	Beloko

Health support provided to the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic by the Sangaris force, February-March 2014

Date	*Type of support*	*Place*	*Sangaris resources involved*
	Emergency consultations — 4		
	Surgical consultations — 5		
	Paramedical assistance — 147		
	Patients hospitalized — 4		
	Days of hospitalization — 7		
	Surgeries — 4		
	Number of X-rays — 9		
	Number of ultrasounds — 5		
	Number of laboratory tests — 11		
	No health support during joint operations		
	4 patients evacuated by CASA "Nurse" aircraft to Libreville		